

Stirling Ranges

5 Days



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Western Australian wildflowers are well known throughout the world. The Stirling Ranges and Porongurup National Park are two of the best places to see wildflowers in Western Australia. Home to 1,500 species of plants, including 123 species of orchids, many will be in flower at the time of this tour. We'll spend an afternoon with a WA wildflowers expert who will help us discover some unique and interesting orchids of the Stirling Ranges. After that you'll be spotting orchids everywhere. That's if you can take your eyes off the beautiful mountain scenery!

Some of the walks are challenging but the reward is worth it - spectacular vistas and the special euphoria that only comes through achieving something special. This tour is not all go go go however. We take our time to really enjoy one of Western Australia's most beautiful landscapes. The itinerary has been designed with a combination of mountain and flat ground walks

Details

Arrive: Perth

Depart: Perth

Duration: 5 Days

Group Size: Maximum 12 quests

Average Age: 5-75

Activity Level: Moderate / Challenging

Testimonials

"I loved the five days in the Stirlings and the Porongurups. While those 'up bits' could be challenging it was well worth the climb, with amazing views, a good workout, good company and home made cake! More good food, a glass of wine, and comfort, relaxation and celebration at the end of each day."

Carole - Stirling Ranges 2014

"I had the most wonderful time. Climbing Bluff Knoll had been a dream of mine for ages. The guides were friendly and knowledgeable and everyone raved about the food. The accommodation was really lovely with comfy beds and a cosy fire. I hope to do more trips with Inspiration Outdoors soon."

Sharon - Stirling Ranges





Highlights



Wildflowers Galore! We will show you the best places to see WA's wildflowers.



Beautiful vistas await after some steep walking, the euphoria of achievement will be worth it!



A wildflower expert will take us on an informative tour.

What to expect



A revitalising hot shower, comfy lounge with a glass of wine (or drink of your choice) will be waiting for you each evening.



The tour is not all gogo-go, we take our time combining mountain and flat ground walks.



Average Temperature (degrees): Sep: 7 min - 16 max





Itinerary

Five days of walking among one of Western Australia's most beautiful and striking landscapes. Fresh air, tons of wildflowers, incredible views, expert guiding and delicious home cooked food.

Day 1 DRIVE FROM PERTH + MT HASSELL

Departing from Perth CBD, we head south, stopping for delicious home made morning tea and lunch en route. By mid afternoon we'll be a world a way, making our way up Mt Hassell in the heart of the Stirling Ranges.

At 847m above sea level, Mt Hassell is mid size mountain and perfect for our first taste of this magnificent area. The walk will take about 2-3 hours return and have you feeling literally on top of the world. From Mt Hassell, we will continue on to the accommodation at Kendenup lodge.

Activity: 2-3 hours walking

Meals: L, D

Accommodation: Kendenup Lodge (or similar)

Day 2 MT TRIO + WILDFLOWER TOUR

Today we head up Mt Trio. Offering exceptional views, excellent wildflowers and interesting crags, it's a perfect start to our adventures in the Stirling Ranges. It is 856 m high and will take us about 3 hours. The walk commences with a steep climb that leads to a broad saddle between two peaks. From the saddle it's an easy stroll to the north peak where you can enjoy sweeping views of Mt Toolbrunup and mountains to the south-west. It is a moderately challenging walk.

After lunch we'll join a local guide with an excellent knowledge of Stirling Range wildflowers. Our guide will take us on a gentle drive and walk around the area and introduce us to some of the special plants of the Stirling Ranges.

Activity: 3 hours walking

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Kendenup Lodge (or similar)

Day 3 THE PORONGURUPS + CASTLE ROCK

We head an hour down the road to the Porongurup National Park to walk through magnificent karri trees and the most ancient mountain range in the world. We have two walks for you today - Castle Rock and Nancy's Peak Circuit.

The Castle Rock walk is 3 km return, taking about 1.5 to 2 hours, with a summit 570 metres high. If you're feeling adventurous, you can climb up to the 'Granite Skywalk' - an impressive suspended walkway around the huge granite outcrop at the Castle Rock summit.

Nancy's Peak Circuit is a 5 km walk, with its highest peak at 652 metres. It should take us about three hours. On a clear day, you can get wonderful views north to the Stirling Ranges and south to the ocean. On a not-so-clear day, the massive granite outcrops and beautiful white karri trees of Nancy's Peak Circuit are a highlight in their own right.

3km + 5km Activity:

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Kendenup Lodge (or similar)

Day 4 **BLUFF KNOLL**

With muscles primed, today we will take to the highest peak in the South West - Bluff Knoll. This challenging walk is an absolute must for anyone visiting the Stirling Ranges. The 6 km return trip will see us reach a height of 1073 metres, with some of the best views in Western Australia the whole way up.

We'll pack a lunch and make a day of it, returning to our accommodation in the afternoon for a well earned rest and a nice hot cuppa.

Activity: 6km

Meals: B, L, D

Accommodation: Kendenup Lodge (or similar)

Day 5 WILDFLOWER SPOTTING + RETURN TO PERTH

A wonderful way to finish our amazing journey. We will explore some of the flat ground areas in the Western Stirling Ranges, searching for orchids and wildflowers. We'll head back to Perth, having lunch on the way, with lots of great memories, photos and even a few new muscles! We will arrive in Perth at about 5.30 pm.

Activity: Travel Day

Meals: B, L

Departure Dates

01 Oct 2023 05 Oct 2023

15 Oct 2023 - 19 Oct 2023

22 Oct 2023 -26 Oct 2023





Pricing

2023

\$1,879 Per Person

\$350 Deposit

Optional Extras

Single Supplement \$350

Inclusions

All transport: private coach transport to and from Perth; as well as transport to and from the track each day

Professional guiding and support each day

Emergency support: guides carry satellite phones and a full first aid kit

4 night's comfortable accommodation

4 healthy breakfasts - cereal, fruit, yogurt, toast

5 morning teas, carried by your guide

5 lunches - some packed and some delivered picnics

Pre-dinner nibbles each night

4 delicious two course dinners

Excellent itinerary and planning drawn from 19 yrs experience

Exclusions





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Pay a \$350pp deposit to secure your booking (full payment is required six weeks prior to departure or at time of booking if booking within six weeks).

Cancellation Policy

All our tours are guaranteed departures.

We hope that you do not need to cancel your booking. However, if you do, our cancellation fee, based on the notice given prior to the departure date, is:

- More than 12 weeks: \$50 administration fee
- 6 to 12 weeks: loss of deposit
- 4 to 6 weeks: 25% of full tour cost
- 2 to 4 weeks: 50% of full tour cost
- less than 2 weeks: 100% of full tour cost, no refund

We understand times are still uncertain as we ride the rollercoaster of state outbreaks. That's why we've introduced flexible cancellation terms so that if you're in a pickle, your adventure isn't. Please see our cancllation policy during covid restrictions here https:// www.inspirationoutdoors.com.au/covid-19/

If you have any concerns about cancelling, please take out travel insurance covering this contingency. This policy will be adhered to despite the most compelling and compassionate circumstances.





About our tours

First, our tours are for people who like to walk long(ish) distances. That means we usually leave our accommodation pretty early each morning (between 7.30 and 8.30) and finish walking mid to late afternoon.

You won't break any records on our walks - for fastest or slowest hike. We keep a steady pace, but there are plenty of opportunities to rest, take photos and appreciate the views along the way.

A relaxed, social and supportive atmosphere is central to our tours. Have a chat and enjoy the sights and smells with your walking companions. Then back at the accommodation, slip into your comfy slacks and slippers and put your feet up with a cup of tea or a wine. Enjoy the conversation around the dinner table. And if you want to go to bed as soon as you've finished the last spoonful of dessert, or stay up and chat, you can.

We don't specialise in birds or plants or rare subterranean amphibians - although we're interested in all of these things. There are no evening lectures and you don't need to bring a notepad and pen (unless you want to). We have a sound and ever-expanding knowledge of the unique and special environments that we walk through, and love sharing what we know with those who are interested. We especially like digging around for stories of the plants and people whose history is linked with the areas we walk in and we'll share those stories with you as we walk.

Our tours are for those who enjoy the simple pleasure of walking in nature, combined with the luxuries of a proper relaxing holiday. We pay attention to the details so that you can relax and enjoy the experience. With the assistance of a team of knowledgeable friends, Inspiration Outdoors aims to provide... Recreation Beyond Expectation

Check out our reviews on TripAdvisor





